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| ,       | FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), or (2) that national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.  C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).  EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.  ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of |  |  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. [ ]  | A preliminary amendment is enclosed.  |  |  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. [ ]  | This application is filed by fewer than a 1.53(d)(4).   | all the inventors named  | in the prior application, 37 C   | :.F.R. §                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 6. Small entity status:   |  |  |                   |                        |         |                 |        |                        |             |             |  |  |  |
|   | a. [ ] A small entity statement is enclosed.   |  |                   |                        |         |                 |        |                        |             |             |  |  |  |
|   | b. [X] A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  |  |                   |                        |         |                 |        |                        |             |             |  |  |  |
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| 7. [X]  | A general authorization is hereby granted to charge deposit account number 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes. |  |                   |                        |         |                 |        |                        |             |             |  |  |  |
| 8. [X]  | A check is   | A check is enclosed for \$1600.00. [ ] Please charge \$[ ] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. |                   |                        |         |                 |        |                        |             |             |  |  |  |
| 9. [X]  | New Attorn   | ney Docket   | No. 0050.146      | 0-002.                 |         |                 |        |                        |             |             |  |  |  |
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